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**Subject:** Support for Rule Enterprise development on Water

Good morning Alderman,

I'd like to register my support for the proposed development on Water Street by Rule Enterprises. I was unable to attend the virtual meeting but I see through media reports that the same, tired, thinly veiled classism and racism was on full display. You should reject any and all statements about the perceived type of people who will occupy the development. Concerns about drug addicts are shameful and should be condemned.

Concerns about the design of the development are valid but I do not believe we should make perfect the enemy of good. The developer will lose the tax credits if construction does not begin soon. The East Side has scant affordable housing and to lose this development to the objection of a few selfish condo owners would further support the narrative that the East Side is unwelcoming to all but a select few. This site has been marked by the City for years for this scale of development so anyone concerned about losing their views should have done their due diligence before moving into the area. Also, [research](#) shows that affordable housing does not lower nearby property values and in some cases raises values.

I would ask that you throw your full support behind this development.

I am a Dist. 3 resident and for the last 4 years my girlfriend and I lived just a few blocks away from the site. I pass the site daily.

Best regards,  
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